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**2012 Kuskokwim Bay Salmon Fishery News Release 17
Districts 4 and 5 No Further Commercial Salmon Fishing Anticipated**

This is an announcement from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at Bethel for commercial salmon fishermen in the Kuskokwim Area.

The Department does not anticipate announcing any further commercial salmon fishing periods in District 4, Quinhagak, and District 5, Goodnews Bay, for the remainder of the 2012 season.

Subsistence fishing is expected to remain open 24-hours per day for the remainder of the 2012 salmon fishing season.

There have been a total of 22 commercial salmon fishing periods in District 4 since the commercial fishing season opened on June 27, 2012. Preliminary total harvests for 2012 are 6,723 Chinook; 37,055 sockeye; 61,702 chum; and 30,711 coho salmon. The total harvests of Chinook, sockeye, and coho salmon were below average, while the total harvest of chum salmon was above average.

There have been a total of 28 commercial salmon fishing periods in District 5 since the commercial fishing season opened June 27, 2012. Preliminary total harvests for 2012 are 1,531 Chinook; 49,977 sockeye; 24,487 chum; and 25,503 coho salmon. The total harvest of Chinook salmon was below average, while the total harvests of sockeye, chum, and coho salmon were above average.

For additional information or questions regarding Districts 4 and 5 and Kuskokwim Area fisheries, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game office in the Bethel at 543-2433 or toll free at 855-933-2433.

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